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| In re Application of: | Brian J. Brown, Michael L. Davis |
| Application No.: | 09/934173 |
| Filed: | August 21, 2001 |
| For: | Improved Longitudinally Flexible Expandable Stent |
| Examiner: | Paul Probilic |
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Docket No.: S63.2N-5605-US05**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

This Amendment After Final and request for is in response to the Office Action dated October 11, 2006. This Amendment is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

If an extension of time is required to make this response timely and no separate petition is enclosed, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time sufficient to make the response timely. In the event that this response requires the payment of government fees and payment is not enclosed, please charge Deposit Account No. 22-0350.

Please amend the application as follows: